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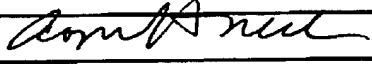
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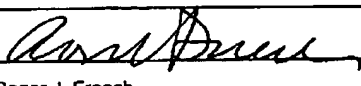
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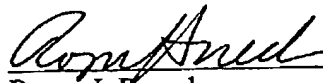
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Sir,

This letter is an inquiry of the status for application serial number 10/757,705,  
filed January 14, 2005. On behalf of the applicant, the undersigned requests a written  
reply to this letter via facsimile to (312) 201-0011.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

  
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